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### In town today

9 a.m. State 4-H Day University campus.  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteer Fair, Parkade Plaza shopping center  
2 p.m. Daughters of the American Revolution meeting, Farm and Home Savings.  
9-10 p.m. Missouri vs. USC, live, closed-circuit showing Hearnes Center

**Exhibits**  
Continuing University Fine Arts Gallery Professional Design Exposition, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Columbia College Art Gallery etchings by Rembrandt, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, 2 to 10 p.m. Sundays Columbia College of Photography photographs by Peter Miller and Jim Hill, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Davis Art Gallery Stephens College, lithographs, paintings and drawings by the late Albert Christ-Janer 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ellis Library, Italian Baroque Drawings and Textiles Through Two Millennia, 2 to 5 p.m. Columbia Public Library photographs by Jeff Mintz, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# Columbia Missourian

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## County wins disaster relief

By Laura Patrick  
State capital bureau

JEFFERSON CITY — U S Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz Friday designated Boone County and 35 other drought-stricken Missouri counties as agriculture disaster areas. The action, requested last week by Gov. Christopher S. Bond, enables eligible farmers in the designated counties to apply for emergency farm

loans at 5 per cent interest from the federal Farmers Home Administration. Bond requested aid for an additional 10 counties Thursday. He said more may be added later. State agricultural officials are estimating that the drought since early June, combined with a late spring freeze, will cost farmers more than \$600 million in crop and pasture losses this year. State Agriculture Director James

Boillot said that Thursday's tour of drought-parched farms in mid-Missouri by Kenneth Frick, director of the federal Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Commission was instrumental in obtaining the 'prompt response' by the federal government. I think there was a realization of the severity of the problem that went back pretty quick to Washington, Boillot said. Bond and Boillot accompanied Frick on the tour which included three

farms near Columbia Regional Airport. The state Agriculture Disaster Committee may decide to ask President Ford for an additional disaster declaration said Gene Cunningham, committee chairman. A presidential declaration would permit the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration to pay part of the cost of transporting feed for livestock farms suffering severe losses in feed production.

Cunningham said he expects many farmers suffering substantial crop reductions to request federal relief payments under a program of the Department of Agriculture. The program received a boost in early August when the USDA temporarily lifted regulations which reduce payments if the damaged grain crops are converted to silage. A farmer with 'total loss of a crop could receive from \$30 to \$50 an acre

## Meat prices may fall because of drought

By Rick Stoff  
and Bruce Van Voorhis  
Missourian staff writer

The price of the hamburger on your table may go down this fall because of the drought, but prices of other foods should remain about the same.

Because of shortages of pasture and hay hamburger and other lean meats which are the products of grass-fed cattle are in greater supply said Glenn Grimes University professor of agricultural economics. This should keep prices on these products very competitive he said, but prices of grain-fed meats such as steaks and roasts should not be affected because they are still being fed corn from the large 1975 corn crop.

Michael Woolverton, a University instructor of agricultural economics said For the next few months

consumers will be tickled to death with lower beef prices, but they might pay for it later on.

The drought should have little effect on other food prices said Tom Brown assistant chairman of the University's agricultural economics department. The drought is terribly serious in Boone County and Central Missouri but it is not a serious problem nationally.

Grimes said there should be a good supply of milk this year although forage is short in some dairy-producing areas. 'The biggest dairy areas in Missouri, in the southwest, are still in pretty good shape as far as forage is concerned, he said.

Despite the drought in Missouri the U.S. corn crop is expected to be the largest in history.

I don't expect corn prices to increase but I would expect soybean prices to increase, Woolverton said.

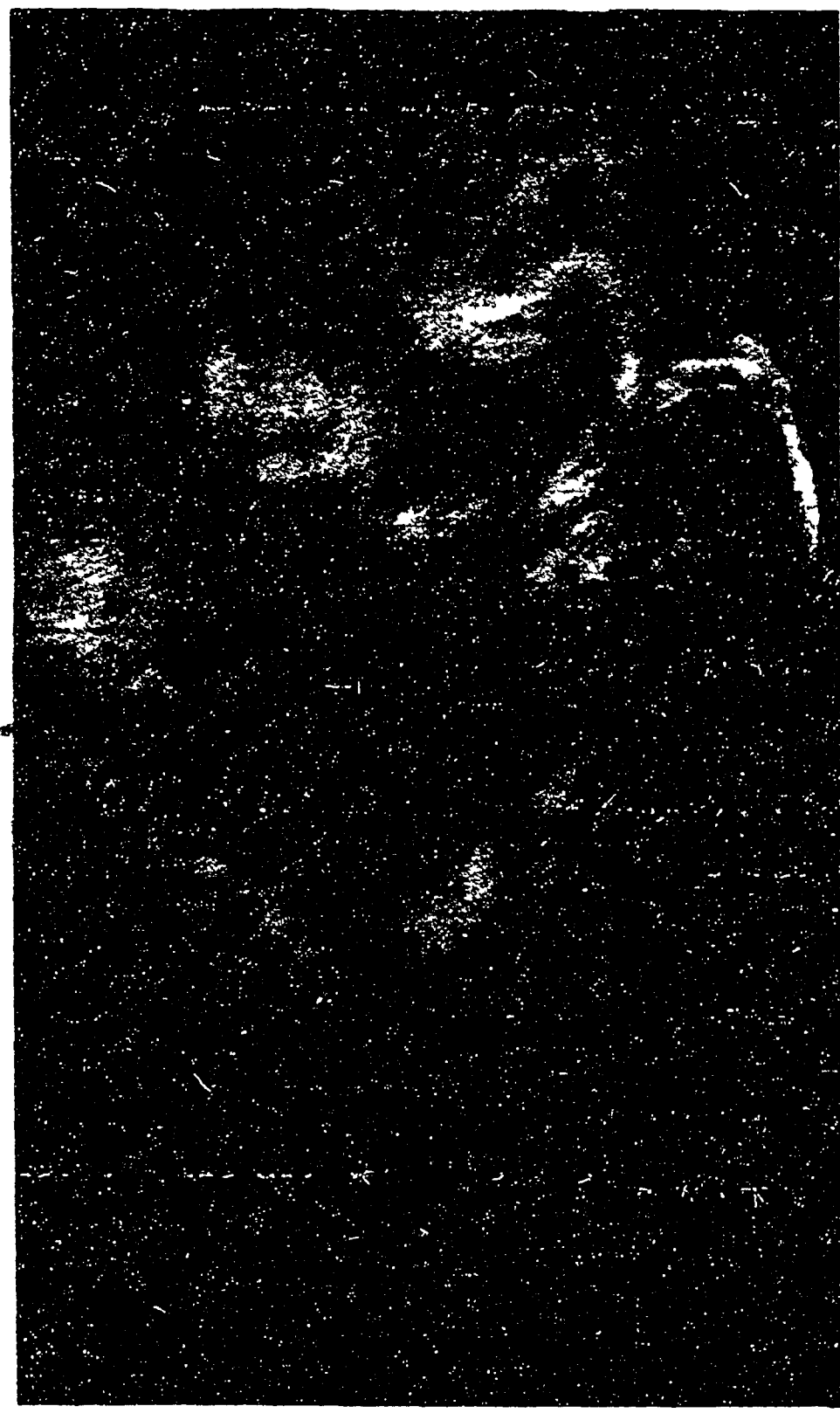
As a result, Soybean prices will have more of an effect on consumer prices than corn will.

Soybean oil is used in many products for direct human consumption such as cooking oil salad dressing and mayonnaise. Woolverton said 'Soybean prices are going up every day and I see no end in sight.

Three inches (7.5 centimeters) of rain today wouldn't help the corn but it could help the soybeans. If it doesn't come by Sept. 15 though it wouldn't help at all because they'll have made all the beans they're going to make.

Because relief would not come until the 1977 soybean crop is in 'this could affect domestic prices for a year for all practical purposes, Woolverton said.

I don't think the impact will be that big — maybe three or four cents on a jar of Miracle Whip. Most of a dollar spent in a store is spent on things other than the original product.



### Relief!

A man's best friend may be his dog, but a dog's best friend is his water dish — as long as he has a man to fill it for him. Chi Chi, a fraternity mascot at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., has found that his dish can be an important piece of equipment, especially during hot weather (UPI telephoto)

### Cold days end after new low

Caught with their shirt sleeves up unprepared Columbians may have been fearful Friday that an early winter had arrived unannounced.

But the recent wintry nights and chilly days will not continue into the weekend said David Horner meteorologist in charge of the Columbia office of the U.S. Weather Service.

Horner said the recent nightly cold snaps were caused by a large high pressure system which produced no wind. Without the balmy summer breezes the earth loses heat more quickly.

A record low of 44 degrees F (7 C) was set at 6 a.m. Friday breaking the previous low for that date of 46 F (8 C) in 1969.

The weekend will be warmer and winds from the southwest will keep temperatures higher tonight.

Indian summer will return today with highs of about 80 F (27 C) — warm enough to put away those winter blankets.

### Petitioners plan to study tax cost of bus service

By Ginny Hilton and Carter Dunkin  
Missourian staff writers

Organizers of the petition drive to increase free school bus service in Columbia laid plans Friday night for their campaign.

The petitioners said they plan to establish a committee to study both the school system's budget and the cost of increased bus service to determine whether a proposed tax increase is needed to finance the busing.

The organizers have collected petitions containing about 430 signatures. Only 10 signatures are required to get on the ballot the group's proposal to provide free busing for all students living at least one-half mile (8 kilometer) from school.

The petitions will be presented to

the school board at its meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Hickman High School.

The petitioners said they also plan to research the effects of the lost bus service on persons not directly affected by the cuts. One possible effect, they said, may be a decrease in property values. They also plan to study the feasibility of a performance auditor to be hired by the school board.

I don't think they have made any attempt to streamline and modernize their procedures in business matters said Ed Bartolacci 4610 Mexico Gravel Road leader of the petition drive.

The research will be incorporated into a statement of goals to be distributed in Columbia neighbor

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## 'Wired' hijackers order flight to Europe

MONTREAL (UPI) — Six hijackers one reportedly wired with explosives hijacked a TWA 727 jetliner bound from New York to Chicago Friday and forced the pilot to fly them to Europe after a refueling stop in Montreal.

In New York police found a bomb at Grand Central Station they said was connected to the hijacking.

The aircraft, with the passengers still aboard, took off from Mirabel Inter

national Airport, 40 miles (64 kilometers) north of Montreal at 9:38 p.m. CDT for a refueling stop in Gander Newfoundland.

A control tower spokesman at Mirabel said the hijackers had warned they had explosives on board, but stressed there had been no injuries to any of the passengers.

Another control tower spokesman said, We don't know whether or not they're bluffing about explosives but

we're not going to check.

TWA officials in New York said they were sending a Boeing 707 — a longer range aircraft — to Newfoundland.

There were conflicting reports on the number of passengers on board. TWA in New York said there were 92 — 85 passengers and seven crewmen. But the Ministry of Transport at Mirabel said there were 44 passengers and six crewmen. The Canadian official attributed his figures to the pilot.

The plane flight 355 was flying from New York's Laguardia Airport to Chicago when it was hijacked east of Buffalo. It landed at Mirabel at 7:45 p.m. CDT.

The aircraft took off after refueling. A spokesman for the Mirabel control tower said the hijackers had requested and been given air charts for Europe.

In New York City police said the bomb squad found a list of demands from a group calling itself Fighters

for Free Croatia in a locker at the busy commuter center in mid Manhattan.

Bomb squad officials declined to say why they connected the group to the hijackers.

The demands of the hijackers are all wrapped up with the bomb a bomb squad spokesman said. The bomb is a pressure cooker device.

The police spokesman said, however (See FAA, Page 15)

## Kissinger to try easing African turmoil

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford will dispatch Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to southern Africa Monday to try personal diplomacy in settling racial turmoil there, the White House announced Friday.

Press Secretary Ron Nease told reporters that Kissinger will go first to Tanzania, then to the southern African countries of Zambia and South Africa, and possibly to other African capitals.

The length of his stay and the extent of his travels, Nease said, will 'depend on the situation there.'

Nease gave no further details on the mission by Kissinger — who returned Tuesday from meetings with South African Prime Minister John Vorster and European leaders — except to say the purpose was 'to continue his consultations on the issues involved in southern Africa.'

Kissinger will receive his instructions today.

Key black African leaders welcomed the U.S. initiative to help achieve a peaceful transition to majority rule in southern Africa. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State William Schaefele said Friday.

Schaefele said Kissinger will visit the continent next week because of encouraging response from presidents

Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia.

The two are considered the key black leaders in the confrontation with white minorities governing Rhodesia and South West Africa (Namibia).

Schaefele flew to Nairobi Friday after meeting for two days each with Nyerere and Kaunda to determine if a Kissinger shuttle in Africa at this time would produce beneficial results.

The assistant secretary described his talks in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and Lusaka, Zambia as 'very constructive and helpful' and said he remained hopeful progress can be made although the problems were extremely complex.

Meanwhile in South Africa, police shot to death two suspected looters near Cape Town Friday and arrested 350 to 550 colored students holding a sit-

down demonstration on their high school's rugby field in Port Elizabeth.

Colored is the official South African term for persons of mixed race.

The two latest fatalities raised to 24 the number of persons killed in two days by riot police. The death toll in 12 weeks of racial rioting across the nation rose to at least 327. Police said the two coloreds were shot while looting a store in Manenberg.